

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 and 52-56 have been cancelled. The claims remaining in the application are 48-51.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action has rejected claim 52 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 52 has been cancelled.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-47 and 52-56 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hibi et al. (U.S. 5,343,312). Claims 1-47 and 52-56 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action has allowed claims 48-51.

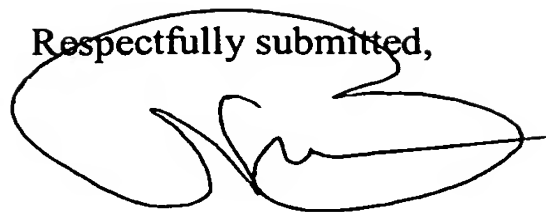
CONCLUSION

Dependent claims not specifically addressed add additional limitations to the independent claims, which have been distinguished from the prior art and are therefore also patentable.

In conclusion, none of the prior art cited by the Office Action discloses the limitations of the claims of the present invention, either individually or in combination. Therefore, it is believed that the claims are allowable.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that additional modifications to the claims are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, they are invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below for a telephone interview and Examiner's amendment.

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